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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

September 19, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.313 Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas DBA Nortex Communications (the Company) has submitted a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Section 3005 of the Form 481 requires a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost support to attach financial information pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2). The Company maintains that the financial information is confidential and has submitted through ECFS a redacted document as an attachment for section 3005 of the FCC Form 481 in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42.

Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas DBA Nortex Communications, by its authorized representative, hereby submits confidential information pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2), under seal, subject to the Protective Order adopted November 16, 2012 in the above-named dockets.¹ The Company is providing to the Office of the Secretary an original hard copy of the cover letter and one copy of the confidential information.

Two copies of this cover letter and confidential information are also being delivered to Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, in accordance with the Protective Order.

¹ FCC Record DA 12-1857

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The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as an attachment to the FCC Form 481.

Each page of the submission which includes confidential information bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION"

In addition to the above-referenced Protective Order, the confidential information is also protected from disclosure to the public pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.457 and 0.459. The confidential information is competitively sensitive information and should not be available for public inspection. The confidential information includes financial information, access line counts and subscriber counts for certain services, and route mile data. Release of this confidential information would have a substantial negative competitive impact on the Company. Therefore, the confidential information submitted is appropriate for non-disclosure under sections 0.457(d) and 0.459. Justification for the confidential treatment of this information is provided in the Appendix to this letter, pursuant to 47 C.F. R. § 0.459(b).

Two copies of the redacted confidential information and cover letter are also being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information, in accordance with the Protective Order. The redacted version of the cover letter for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Langkop".

Jean Langkop
Authorized Representative for
Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas DBA Nortex Communications

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
(2 hardcopies of non-redacted submission)
Mr. Alan Rohmer, Nortex Communications

APPENDIX

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Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas DBA Nortex Communications (the Company) requests confidential treatment of certain information submitted with its 2013 annual reporting requirements as a privately-held rate of return carrier and high-cost recipient in Docket No. 10-90. The information is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2) and includes detailed financial information, line/loop counts and subscriber counts that is competitively sensitive. Disclosure of this confidential information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company. Such information would not normally be made available to the public and should be afforded confidential treatment under both 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457 and 0.459. In addition, the confidential information is protected from disclosure under the November 16, 2012 Protective Order in the above referenced dockets.

47 C.F.R. § 0.457

Specific information in this filing related to the Company's financial data and loop/subscriber counts is confidential and proprietary as "commercial or financial information" under section 0.457(d). Disclosure of this information to the public would risk revealing company-sensitive proprietary information and have a harmful competitive effect on the Company's operations. Therefore, this information should be considered "Records not routinely available for public inspection."

47 C.F.R. § 0.459

Specific information related to financial data and loop/subscriber counts, and route mile data is also subject to protection under 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 as demonstrated below:

Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought

The Company requests that all financial data, and loop/subscriber counts and route mile data be treated on a confidential basis under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Company maintains this information is confidential, competitively sensitive data not normally made available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative competitive impact on the Company. The non-redacted version of the cover letter for the Company's submission and each page of the file containing confidential information is marked, **"CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."**

Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted

The information is being submitted in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2) and is to be filed in WC Docket No. 10-90. Privately held rate of return carriers that receive high-cost support must complete the FCC Form 481 to include a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations as of the end of the preceding fiscal year (sections of which the Company is requesting be afforded confidential treatment).

Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged

The information designated as confidential is detailed financial information including a balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, and operating reports that include access line and subscriber counts and route mile data that is competitively sensitive information not normally released to the public. Access line and subscriber counts and route mile data, although contained in

the financial report is also confidential commercial information. Release of any of this commercial or financial information would have a substantial negative competitive impact on the Company.

Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition and how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm

This type of commercial and financial information is generally not subject to routine public inspection under the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 0.457(d)), demonstrating that the Commission already anticipates that the release of this type of information likely would produce competitive harm. Release of the information designated as confidential would allow competitors to become aware of sensitive proprietary information regarding the operation of the Company's business and would cause the Company substantial competitive harm.

Identification of measures taken by the Company to prevent unauthorized disclosure; availability of the information to the public and extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties.

The Company treats and has treated the non-public information included in this submission as confidential and has protected it from disclosure to parties outside the Company. Any financial information required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public, in accordance with state rules and/or statutes.

Justification of the period during which the Company asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure

The Company cannot determine any date on which this information should not be considered confidential.

Other information the Company believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality be granted

Under applicable Commission rules and court rulings, the information designated by the Company as confidential should be withheld from public disclosure. Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act protects information that is commercial or financial in nature; obtained from a person outside government; and privileged or confidential. The information in question satisfies

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		<i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i> BORROWER NAME Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas (Prepared with Audited Data)	
INSTRUCTIONS Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.		PERIOD ENDING December, 2012	BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0613
CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief. ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII (Check one of the following)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.		<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report	
Alan Rohmer		3/27/2013 DATE	

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		PERIOD ENDING December, 2012	
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS			
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR	
1. Local Network Services Revenues			
2. Network Access Services Revenues			
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues			
5. Miscellaneous Revenues			
6. Uncollectible Revenues			
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)			
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense			
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)			
10. Depreciation Expense			
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense			
13. Corporate Operations Expense			
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)			
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)			
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes			
18. Federal Income Taxes			
19. Other Taxes			
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)			
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)			
22. Interest on Funded Debt			
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense			
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction			
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)			
27. Nonoperating Net Income			
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income			
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)			
32. Total Taxes Based on Income			
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year			
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)			
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]			
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)			
44. Annual Debt Service Payments			
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]			
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]			
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]			
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]			

<p align="center">USDA-RUS</p> <p align="center">OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p> <p align="center"><i>INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</i></p>						<p>BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0613</p> <p>PERIOD ENDED December, 2012</p>	
<p align="center">Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</p>							
	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Valley View East	16.70	10.25					
Valley View	16.70	10.25					
Myra	20.00	13.00					
Muenster	16.70	10.25					
Rosston	16.70	10.25					
Forestburg	16.70	10.25					
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges	6						

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<p>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</p>								
<p>4. BROADBAND SERVICE</p>								
<p>Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service</p>								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Valley View East				3,000	512	29.95	Package	DSL
Valley View				3,000	768	29.95	Package	Fiber to the Home
Myra				3,000	512	29.95	Package	DSL
Muenster				3,000	768	29.95	Package	Fiber to the Home
Rosston				3,000	512	29.95	Package	DSL
Forestburg				3,000	512	29.95	Package	DSL
Total								

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2											
PART D. SYSTEM DATA											
1. No. Plant Employees 20	2. No. Other Employees 28	3. Square Miles Served 478	4. Access Lines per Square Mile 7.69	5. Subscribers per Route Mile 2.95							
PART E. TOLL DATA											
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. 442116 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Interstate:</td> <td style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td style="width: 40%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intrastate:</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> </table>				Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis	Intrastate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis									
Intrastate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis									
PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR											
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended											
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended											
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval											
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended											
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)											
6. Salvaged Materials											
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction											
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)											
PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES											
INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA								
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)						
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development											
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development											

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES	
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.		PERIOD ENDED December, 2012
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2. Net Income		
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3. Add: Depreciation		
4. Add: Amortization		
5. Other (Explain) Increase in Income/Oth Taxes Accrual		
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
22. Other (Explain)		
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		
25. Other Long-Term Investments		
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		
27. Other (Explain) Deduction Accum Depr. for Retirements PP&E		
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		
30. Ending Cash		

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<p>INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</p>	<p>PERIOD ENDED</p> <p>December, 2012</p>
<p>NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	

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<p>CERTIFICATION LOAN DEFAULT NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	